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Population of blind persons

‡3463. SHRI SHREEGOPAL WAS:
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of blind people in the country at present;
- (b) the number of women, men and children among such blind people, State-wise; and
- (c) the schemes run by Government for providing employment to blind people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN):
(a) and (b) As per the data available from the Census of India 2001 there are 53.01 lakh persons with visual disability in the country. Sex-wise/ State-wise breakup of such persons is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(c) Under the Persons with Disability Act 3% reservation is provided to the persons with disability, which includes 1% reservation for the visually disabled persons. Further, for employment of persons with disability in the organized sector, incentives have been announced by the Hon'ble Finance Minister in his budget speech for the year 2007-08.

Statement

Statewise break-up of persons with visual disability as per ensus of India 2001

Type of Disability (In Seeing)

Name of State/UTs	No. of Persons		
	Male	Female	Total
1	2	3	4
J&K	61537	31691	93228
Himachal Pradesh	22552	12790	35342
Punjab	52735	36328	89063

‡Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

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1	2	3	4
Chandigarh	3741	2221	5962
Uttaranchal	30889	15001	45890
Haryana	64313	31900	96213
Delhi	54489	30936	85425
Rajasthan	240442	89891	33033
Uttar Pradesh	566412	259693	826105
Bihar	256814	109326	366140
Sikkim	3890	2102	5992
Arunachal Pradesh	8759	1924	10683
Nagaland	3033	1790	4823
Manipur	4133	2308	6441
Mizoram	2652	1762	4414
Tripura	10394	5308	15/02
Meghalaya	3964	2864	6828
Assam	91457	54268	145725
West Bengal	304084	181933	486017
Jharkhand	55707	23724	79431
Orissa	170560	92018	262578
Chhattisgarh	50333	25749	76082
Madhya Pradesh	207372	96405	303777
Gujarat	176023	90986	267009
Daman & Diu	807	432	1239
Andhra Pradesh	747	270	1017
Maharashtra	218064	116875	334939
Andhra Pradesh	170313	80528	250841
Karnataka	147508	78152	225660
Goa	1647	1126	2773
Lakshadweep	216	158	374
Kerala	137616	105527	243143
Tamil Nadu	285052	298174	583226
Pondicherry	4395	2329	6724
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1377	800	2177
TOTAL:	3414027	1887289	5301316